

To who it may concern:

Please read these comments for consideration in determining the transfer/sale of Rainbow DBS 1 and the transponders assigned at 61.5 WL to Echostar Communications.

The transfer of these assets to Echostar in my opinion would restrict competition within the marketplace and allow the further consolidation of licensed frequencies to one or two companies. In this case Echostar.

I have worked within the CATV and DBS industries since 1984. This is the first time I have written the FCC about any subject.

The nature of the sale of these assets from Rainbow DBS to Echostar is certainly one of the most irregular. With the apparent reorganization of Cablevision now under way over the future of the VOOM platform, I don't see a better use of these assets than to keep them exactly where they are today.

Competition was good for the CATV industry back in 1994 when DirectTV launched. It is now good for the DBS industry to have a 3rd platform provider. I believe that was the FCC's goal back in the 1980's when the frequencies were assigned/sold. To have more than one or two program providers?

I believe there is room within the marketplace for a 3rd DBS provider. Especially one with a focus on delivery HD programming.

The digital transition for television that the FCC has mandated has and will create a demand for more choices within the marketplace for digital services.

Please do not allow the sale of the assets of Rainbow 1 and the transponder frequencies at 61.5 WL to Echostar in order for one company to stockpile valuable assets in order to keep competition from taking place in the marketplace.

As a consumer I want to have a choice between Echostar and DirectTV. VOOM is a very valuable choice for those who have already adopted and embraced Digital Television!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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